

# *FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD*

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday March 20, 2017 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Weed Board Office, 502 Boeing Street, Port of Pasco

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:00 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris; Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Marc Miller; Lead Inspector, Luis Esquivel; Inspector, and Holly Kress; Inspector. Minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second from Martin Pierret. Motion passed.  
**Monthly Financial** – Review of the February Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2016-2017 and Budget update  
**Meetings & Events** attended – Home and Garden Show, Feb 24-26, FC Grower Meeting Mar 1, Kahlotus; WA State Weed Coordinators' Association Conference, Mar 7-9, Chelan. Attendance and content at FC Grower Meeting and Coordinator's Conference were discussed. Both meetings were well received. Staff shared thoughts on attending the conference.

### NEW BUSINESS

**County Road** – The spray trucks have been calibrated and are ready to begin spraying as soon as weather permits. Staff have been driving roads and communicating with road crew to determine which roads to make application to. The northern portion of the county has several roads still out of commission. The start of spring residual application will concentrate on the irrigated area to allow for repairs to dryland roads.

**WSDOT** – Todd reported the WSDOT has agreed to an herbicide application targeting kochia on HWY 395 at Eltopia West and Blanton Roads to increase visibility at this high priority crossing near Booker Auction. The application will be applied to 5-10 acres using the John Deere Gators.

**State Parks** – We have received the chemical for the sterilant application on the developed portion of the Columbia Plateau Trail. Marc and Luis reported road blockages prohibit passage for the application. We are waiting for notification of boulder removal by State Parks crews prior to beginning. Andrew Fielding; Resource Steward and Audra Sims; Ranger have been notified and report blockages should be cleared soon. Staff will follow up on the status. Marc shared pictures of the road blocks near the Votaw and Herman roads gates.

**City of Pasco** – Todd and Holly met with Curtis Glines; Public Works, to discuss survey results from fall 2016 concerning noxious weed control on city-leased land. Maps of the areas were given to Curtis. Curtis informs us the lessee is responsible for noxious weed control. A meeting is scheduled between Curtis and the growers to distribute maps and inform growers of their responsibility.

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**FCWB - Gator 1** has been calibrated and is ready for field work. Gator 2 will be calibrated and will then be ready for field work. Todd shared pictures of the new trailer. The trailer construction is complete. The trailer is 18 'allowing hauling of one Gator and the 4 wheeler. The trailer was customized with gates that allow loading and unloading the 4 wheeler on either side. The One Ton Truck has been equipped with a 500 gallon tank and nozzle set up for roadside spraying. The boom buster nozzle configuration will allow for 3', 7' or 10' spray swath. The tentative delivery of the 2017 pick-up is an April timeframe. Staff has been at the shop building the skid for the sprayer set-up. Staff surveyed Palouse Falls and Lyons Ferry area to check on results of last fall's spray job. We identified a few areas where we will need to revisit for additional spraying on yellow starthistle and diffuse knapweed. Todd reported we had been contacted by a landowner in the Kahlotus area to advise on spraying yellow starthistle on 100 acres of his land. Betsy provided the 2017 spring newsletter for review. The newsletter will be electronically distributed to recipients on the email list.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Farm Fair Mar 23-24, Pasco, CWMA April 13, Dayton

Vouchers #'s 17-025 to 17-041 signed in the amount of \$ \$66,902.84  
February payroll... \$25, 397.95

**\*\*Next meeting Monday April 17, 2017 7pm**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:59 pm.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Board of Directors' proceedings for March 20, 2017

Mark D. Brass  
Chairman

April 17, 2017  
Date

Scott S. Hanna  
Clerk of the Board

April 17, 2017  
Date